

EXHIBIT 7DATE 2/18/09HB 517

February 17, 2009

Dear Madam,

My name is Jo Kimery, and I am the immediate past president of the MT State CISM Network...an organization of 16 Critical Incident Stress Management teams in Montana.

These teams are specially trained to provide crisis intervention services to emergency workers after they have encountered very stressful or psychologically traumatic calls. We are volunteers who offer our services free to city and county police forces, MT Highway Patrol, city and rural fire departments, ambulance and emergency rescue crews, radio dispatchers, Fish and Game officers, and other emergency workers in Montana.

CISM meetings are supposed to be private and confidential, but some participants have been afraid that CISM team members can be legally forced to divulge information shared in a CISM meeting. We want to be able to offer these valuable services... We want all CISM participants NOT to be subject to subpoena, discovery, or ANY kind of legal action.

House Bill 517 is a bill that offers that protection. Its passage is VITAL to the success of the CISM process, and therefore NECESSARY for the ultimate benefit of Montana dedicated emergency responders.

If you care about our policemen, fire fighters, and other emergency workers, I urge you to vote "yes" for this bill.

Very sincerely yours,

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